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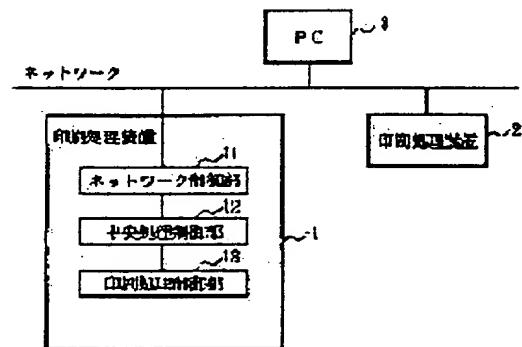
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(54) PRINTING PROCESSOR

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a printing processor capable of printing by transferring data to be printed to another printing processor on a network having a larger loading capacity when printing is unavailable due to the shortage of the capacity of a loading memory.

SOLUTION: A central processing unit 12 obtains information of the status and the capacity of a loading memory of another printing processor connected through a network controlling part 11 on a network. The central processing unit 12 judges whether or not a printing processing is unavailable due to the shortage of the capacity of its own loading memory when data to be printed are transmitted from a personal computer 3 or the like through the network. When it is judged that the printing processing is unavailable due to the shortage of the capacity of its own loading memory, the data to be printed are transferred to another printing processor in which the capacity of a loading memory is larger based on the obtained status and capacity of the loading memory of another printing processor.



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